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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP MINGAZZINI (DIRECTOR, MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, CONVEYING MESSAGE CONTAINED PARA (1) REFTEL AND URGING GOI TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT GOI DELEGATION WOULD HAVE MEANINGFUL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING TO TCWP.

2. MINGAZZINI SAID GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT IS ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR GOI BECAUSE ALL RPT ALL MINISTRIES ARE INVOLVED. TO DATE, ISSUE HAS BEEN HANDLED BY LOWER LEVEL OFFICIALS WHO UNABLE COMMIT THEIR MINISTRY; MOREOVER, NOT ALL MINISTRIES RESPOND PROMPTLY AND FULLY TO MFA'S REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND MINISTRY POSITIONS. IT WILL THEREFORE BE NECESSARY RAISE THIS ISSUE TO HIGHER,
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POLITICAL LEVEL WITHIN GOI IF MEANINGFUL INSTRUCTIONS

WHICH PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BE DEVELOPED BY
SEPTEMBER 15.

3. MINGAZZINI PROMISED CONVENE INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING
ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ASAP IN ORDER THAT GOI CAN
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN EFFORT REACH AD REFERENDUM
AGREEMENT ON AT LEAST SOME OF MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES
AT SEPTEMBER 15 TCWP MEETING.

4. COMMENT. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GOI WILL BE IN POSTION
PARTICIPATE FULLY BY SEPTEMBER 15, BUT SHOULD HAVE ITS
DUCKS IN A ROW FOR SECOND TCWP MEETING LATER IN THE FALL.
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